

REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's review of the United States Patents listed on the Information Disclosure Statement submitted by Applicant. The Applicant understood that the US copies had been delivered to the Examiner. The Applicant now understands that the entire set of patent copies was lost and that the Examiner pulled the US references on his own to review their disclosures prior to the first Office Action. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's assistance. The Applicant is submitting copies of the foreign references listed on the previously-submitted Information Disclosure Statement. The references being submitted are citations U-DD, YY-H3, C4-L4, and G5-J5. The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider these references.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 as being anticipated by Sankey '594. The Examiner rejected claim 3 as being obvious in view of Sankey '594. The Applicant acknowledges the indication that claims 4-15 and 28-33 are allowed.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-3 based on Sankey '594. The Examiner specifically cites Fig. 17 to disclose the bridge (354) being pushed downwardly in the Sankey '594 reference. However, element 354 of Sankey '594 does not extend entirely across the opening as recited in independent claim one. The Sankey '594 element (354) is cantilevered as clearly shown in Fig. 17. Independent claim one of the present application specifically requires a bridge that spans the opening defined by the bottom wall with the first and second ends of the bridge disposed on opposite sides of the opening defined by the wall. The Sankey '594 element (354) has a first end cantilevered from the base with the second end hanging unconnected in the opening of the bottom wall. The Sankey '594 reference thus does not include the bridge element as recited in independent claim one of the present application.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claim one and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a formal notice of allowability for all of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 7th day of July, 2003.

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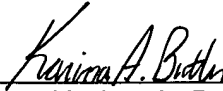
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